



Preserve America Community Designation Events in 2007

January 25, 2007: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 31 new communities – for a total of 458 designated Preserve America Communities. Denver and Philadelphia are among the largest cities designated to date.

The thirty-one new communities are:

Huntsville, Alabama	Anaconda-Deer Lodge, Montana	Grapevine, Texas
San Juan Bautista, California	Billings, Montana	Shiner, Texas
Santa Rosa, California	Lewistown, Montana	Cedarburg, Wisconsin
Denver, Colorado	Stevensville, Montana	De Pere, Wisconsin
Colchester, Connecticut	Manteo, North Carolina	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Sandersville, Georgia	Wilkes County, North Carolina	Lodi, Wisconsin
Walker County, Georgia	Piqua, Ohio	Mineral Point, Wisconsin
Fort Madison, Iowa	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Osceola, Wisconsin
Warsaw, Kentucky	Crosbyton, Texas	Stoughton, Wisconsin
Calvert County, Maryland		Waukesha, Wisconsin
Oxford, Mississippi		West Allis, Wisconsin

February 9, 2007: Ann Pritzlaff, Chair of the Preservation Initiatives Committee of the ACHP, recognizes Denver's designation as a Colorado's newest Preserve America Community by presenting the Mayor with the designation certificate, and recognizes six other Colorado communities designated since last year's annual Saving Places statewide preservation conference. The communities honored are:

Breckenridge, Colorado	Frisco, Colorado	Montezuma County, Colorado
Denver, Colorado	Leadville, Colorado	Pagosa Springs, Colorado
Durango, Colorado		

March 9, 2007: Deputy Secretary of Commerce David Sampson recognizes recently designated Preserve America Community of Grapevine, Texas at a local special event.

March 29, 2007: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 15 new communities – for a total of 473 designated Preserve America Communities.

The fifteen new communities are:

Juneau, Alaska	Ste. Genevieve, Missouri	Wheeling, West Virginia
Fayetteville, Georgia	Cleveland County, North Carolina	Mazomanie, Wisconsin
Wichita, Kansas	German Village, Columbus, Ohio	New Berlin, Wisconsin
Frederick, Maryland	Brownsville, Texas	Ripon, Wisconsin
Menominee, Michigan		Whitewater, Wisconsin
Liberty, Missouri		

April 2, 2007: U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director Bob Young presents a certificate signed by First Lady Laura Bush to Sandersville, Georgia, a recently designated Preserve America community.

April 19, 2007: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 13 new communities – for a total of 486 designated Preserve America Communities.

The thirteen new communities are:

Ketchikan, Alaska	Kiowa County, Colorado	Wyandotte, Michigan
Little Rock, Arkansas	Otero County, Colorado	Owego, New York
Baca County, Colorado	Prowers County, Colorado	Bellingham, Washington
Bent County, Colorado	Lafayette, Indiana	
Crowley County, Colorado	Saco, Maine	

April 19, 2007: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chairman John Nau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director Bob Young present a certificate signed by First Lady Laura Bush to Oxford, Mississippi, a recently designated Preserve America community.

April 20, 2007: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chairman John Nau and U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director Bob Young present a certificate signed by First Lady Laura Bush to Walker County, Georgia, a recently designated Preserve America community. In a separate event, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director Bob Young also presents a certificate signed by First Lady Laura Bush to Huntsville, Alabama, a recently designated Preserve America community.

April 23, 2007: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ana Maria Farias recognizes the Preserve America Community of El Paso, Texas at a special event.

April 25, 2007: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chairman John Nau presents certificates to Preserve America Communities Leesburg, Virginia and the recently designated Frederick, Maryland at the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Leadership Summit in Leesburg. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Warrenton, Virginia, both Preserve America Communities in the Journey Through Hallowed Ground corridor, are also recognized.

April 25, 2007: ACHP Expert Member Julia King recognizes the Preserve America Community of Calvert County, Maryland at a Preservation Maryland event in St. Mary's, Maryland.

April 28, 2007: U.S. Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave, National Park Service Regional Director Mike Snyder, and ACHP Member Ann Pritzlaff present Preserve America Community certificates to Baca County, Bent County, Crowley County, Kiowa County, Otero County, and Prowers County, Colorado, during the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site dedication ceremony in Eads, Colorado.

May 1, 2007: Department of Housing and Urban Development Deputy Regional Director Patricia Hoban-Moore presents a certificate to Wilkes County, North Carolina at a Preserve America Community recognition event in Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

May 4, 2007: Congressman Steve Pearce, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chairman John Nau, NPS Associate Director Jan Matthews, and New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer

Katherine Slick recognize the Preserve America Community of Silver City, New Mexico in a special event at the Silver City Museum.

May 15, 2007: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ana Maria Farias recognizes the Preserve America Community of San Marcos, Texas at a special event.

May 16, 2007: U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director Bob Young presents a certificate signed by First Lady Laura Bush to Warsaw, Kentucky, a recently designated Preserve America community. The event is held at the historic Peak-Corkran House/ Warsaw Welcome Center, a focal point for heritage tourists visiting the community.

May 19, 2007: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation member Jay Vogt, South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer and President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, presents a Preserve America Community certificate and road sign to the Mayor of Aberdeen, South Dakota. A guided tour of downtown historic properties follows the ceremony.

May 22, 2007: Mr. Mike Capka, Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, presents a Preserve America Community certificate to the Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas during the Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon at the International Conference on Ecology and Transportation.

May 22, 2007: Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Philip Grone, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation member Mark Sadd, and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Ohio Franco Ruffini are all on hand to mark the recent Preserve America Community designations of Piqua, Ohio and of the German Village neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio.

June 1, 2007: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 14 new communities, bringing the total number of designated Preserve America Communities to 500, an exciting milestone for the initiative.

The fourteen new communities are:

Weaverville, California	Crowley, Louisiana	Easton, Pennsylvania
Harlem, Georgia	Lafayette, Louisiana	Rio Grande City, Texas
Mackay, Idaho	Huron Township, Michigan	White River Junction,
Coon Rapids, Iowa	Medora, North Dakota	Vermont
Franklin, Kentucky	Salem, Oregon	Fairmont, West Virginia

July 5, 2007: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to one new community, bring the total number of designated Preserve America Communities to 501 in all 50 states and one territory.

The new community is Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

July 12, 2007: Mrs. Laura Bush, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, ACHP Chairman John Nau, and Congressmen Brad Miller and Mike Turner, co-chairs of the House Historic Preservation Caucus, participate in a Preserve America event on Capitol Hill to announce the latest winners of Preserve America grants and honor twenty recently designated Preserve America Communities. A full listing may be found in the separate releases for that event.

July 31, 2007: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 20 new communities, bringing the total number of designated Preserve America Communities to 521. Several large cities are designated in this group, including Savannah, Georgia, New Orleans, Louisiana and Las Vegas, Nevada.

The twenty new communities are:

St. George Island, Alaska
Little Italy, San Diego,
California
Savannah, Georgia
Letcher County, Kentucky
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
New Orleans, Louisiana
Ferndale, Michigan

Carver, Minnesota
Baldwyn, Mississippi
Las Vegas, Nevada
Dutchess County, New York
Ossining, New York
New Bern, North Carolina
Shelby, North Carolina
Canal Winchester, Ohio

Ponca City, Oklahoma
Horry County, South
Carolina
Blount County, Tennessee
Columbia, Tennessee
Bradford, Vermont

August 3, 2007



Preserve America Community Designation Events in 2006

January 31, 2006: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 35 communities – for a total to date of 352 designated *Preserve America* Communities. This round of designations adds two new states, New Jersey and Wisconsin, to those having at least one designated *Preserve America* Community, bringing the total number of participating states to 47.

The thirty-five new communities are:

Redlands, California	Historic Portland, Louisville, Kentucky	The District, Nashville, Tennessee
Cripple Creek, Colorado	Salisbury, Maryland	Rugby, Tennessee
Glenwood Springs, Colorado	Cadillac, Michigan	Fredericksburg, Texas
Park County, Colorado	Weston, Missouri	McKinney, Texas
Dalton, Georgia	Red Lodge, Montana	New Braunfels, Texas
LaGrange, Georgia	Terry, Montana	Plano, Texas
Oskaloosa, Iowa	Wall Township, New Jersey	San Marcos, Texas
Waterloo, Iowa	Cortland, New York	King County, Washington
New Albany, Indiana	Peekskill, New York	Palouse, Washington
Bell Court, Lexington, Kentucky	Granville, Ohio	Port Townsend, Washington
Gratz Park, Lexington, Kentucky	Medina, Ohio	Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
	Bluffton, South Carolina	Charles Town, West Virginia

February 10, 2006, Denver, Colorado: Undersecretary of Agriculture Mark Rey and ACHP Member Ann Pritzlaff host a Preserve America Community recognition event for recently designated communities in Colorado. The designated communities are:

Cripple Creek, Colorado	Glenwood Springs, Colorado	Park County, Colorado
Georgetown, Colorado	Lake City, Colorado	

March 9, 2006, Washington, DC: Mrs. Laura Bush is joined by Congressmen Michael Turner (OH) and Brad Miller (NC), co-chairs of the House Preservation Caucus, as well as Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton and ACHP chairman John Nau to recognize 23 newly and recently designated *Preserve America* Communities. They also announced the first 45 Preserve America grants for communities and states.

The newly designated communities are:

Irvington neighborhood, Indianapolis, Indiana

Dumas, Arkansas
Russellville, Kentucky
Tooele County, Utah

Wabasha, Minnesota
Vicksburg, Mississippi
Skykomish, Washington

Independence, Missouri
Hidalgo, Texas
Mannington, West Virginia

Also recognized are the following recently designated communities:

Bell Court neighborhood, Lexington, Kentucky
Gratz Park neighborhood, Lexington, Kentucky
Historic Portland neighborhood, Louisville, Kentucky
The District neighborhood, Nashville, Tennessee

Redlands, California
Salisbury, Maryland
Red Lodge, Montana
Terry, Montana

Wall Township, New Jersey
Herndon, Virginia
Spotsylvania County,
Virginia

Charles Town, West Virginia
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

April 21, 2006: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 10 communities – for a total to date of 372 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

Yuma, Arizona
Elk Grove, California
Frisco, Colorado
Baltimore, Maryland

Minneapolis, Minnesota
Missoula, Montana
Sparks, Nevada
Brigham City, Utah

Winooski, Vermont
Harrisonburg, Virginia

May 2, 2006: Mrs. Laura Bush recognizes two new Arkansas communities while visiting Fort Smith, Arkansas – for a total to date of 374 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Van Buren, Arkansas

May 12, 2006: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to six communities – for a total to date of 380 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine
Canton, Mississippi

York, Pennsylvania
Salt Lake City, Utah

Redmond, Washington
Richfield, Wisconsin

May 23, 2006, Honolulu, Hawaii: ACHP chairman John Nau and the Honorable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor of Honolulu, announce the first *Preserve America* community designation in the state of Hawaii, bringing the number of states with a designated *Preserve America* community to 48 and the total number of designated communities to 381.

Chinatown Special Historic District, Honolulu, Hawaii

July 28, 2006: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to nineteen communities – for a total to date of 400 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

Glendale, Arizona
Santa Barbara, California
Breckenridge, Colorado
Durango, Colorado
Leadville, Colorado
Montezuma County,
Colorado
Pagosa Springs, Colorado
Simsbury, Connecticut

Sioux City, Iowa
Louisville-West Main Street,
Kentucky
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Charles County, Maryland
Butte-Silver Bow, Montana
Silver City, New Mexico
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Washington County,
Pennsylvania
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Palestine, Texas
Anacortes, Washington

September 1, 2006, Durango, Colorado: Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett and Chairman John Nau of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation honor three recently designated Preserve America Communities in southwest Colorado.

Durango, Colorado

Montezuma County,
Colorado

Pagosa Springs, Colorado

October 5, Leadville, Colorado: Ann Pritzlaff, Chair of the Preservation Initiatives Committee of the ACHP, recognizes Breckenridge and Leadville, Colorado, two recently designated Preserve America Communities at the closing luncheon of the National Summit of Mining Communities Conference.

October 19, 2006, New Orleans, Louisiana: Three Preserve America Communities are recognized during the Opening Plenary session of the national Preserve America Summit by First Lady Laura Bush, ACHP Chairman John Nau, and Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett. Asheville's new designation brings the total number of designated communities to 401.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Canton, Mississippi

Asheville, North Carolina

November 3, 2006: Mrs. Laura Bush sends a letter of congratulations to 26 communities – for a total to date of 427 designated *Preserve America* Communities. This round of designations adds one new state, Delaware, to those having at least one designated *Preserve America* Community, bringing the total number of participating states to 49. It also adds the first designation of a community in a U. S. territory, the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Richmond, California
San Clemente, California
Lewes, Delaware
Milton, Delaware
Sanford, Florida
Lockport, Illinois
Bedford, Indiana
Cumberland, Kentucky
Little Falls, Minnesota

Great Falls, Montana
Shelter Island, New York
Greenville, North Carolina
Wilmington, North Carolina
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Cheltenham Township,
Pennsylvania

Scott County, Virginia
Bainbridge Island,
Washington

New Ulm, Minnesota
Greenwood, Mississippi
Leland, Mississippi

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
West Chester, Pennsylvania
Aberdeen, South Dakota
Charlotte Amalie, U.S.
Virgin Islands
Leesburg, Virginia

November 13, 2006, Santa Barbara, California: Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett and Mayor Marty Blum unveil Santa Barbara's Preserve America Community road sign at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse, a National Historic Landmark.

December 31, 2006



Preserve America Community Designation Events in 2005

January 25, 2005: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 26 communities – for a total to date of 220 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

The twenty-six new communities are:

Mobile, Alabama
Santa Monica, California
Greeley, Colorado
Silverton, Colorado
Boise, Idaho
Frankfort, Kentucky
Hart County, Kentucky
New Castle, Kentucky
West Point, Kentucky
Annapolis, Maryland
Worcester County, Maryland
Brockport, New York
Ithaca, New York
Liberty, New York
Rochester, New York
Roxbury, New York
Gaston Co., North Carolina
Gastonia, North Carolina
Ardmore, Oklahoma
Anderson, South Carolina
Mineola, Texas
Centerville, Utah
Payson, Utah
Dayton, Washington
Edmonds, Washington
Roslyn, Washington

February 4, 2005, Denver, Colorado: ACHP Chairman John Nau and ACHP member Ann Pritzlaff recognize Fort Collins, Greeley, Pueblo, and Silverton, Colorado at the annual Colorado Preservation, Inc. conference.

February 18, 2005, Monterey, California: ACHP Chairman John Nau and Mayor Bob Young of Augusta, Georgia honor Monterey and Santa Monica, California at the quarterly meeting of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

April 1, 2005, Thomasville, Georgia: ACHP Chairman John Nau and Mayor Bob Young of Augusta, Georgia honor Thomasville, Georgia at the annual Georgia Trust Statewide Preservation conference, and read the letter of congratulations from Mrs. Laura Bush.

April 5, 2005: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 26 communities—for a total to date of 247 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

The twenty-six new communities are:

Eureka Springs, Arkansas	Alpena, Michigan	Canton, Texas
Caldwell, Idaho	Red Wing, Minnesota	Canyon, Texas
Davenport, Iowa	St. Cloud, Minnesota	Sabine County, Texas
Benham, Kentucky	Fredericktown, Missouri	Farmington, Utah
Campbellsville, Kentucky	Fort Benton, Montana	Kanab, Utah
Pikeville, Kentucky	Hatteras Village, North Carolina	Prince William County, Virginia
Pineville, Kentucky	Kinston, North Carolina	Spokane, Washington
Oakland, Maryland	Schenectady, New York	Evanston, Wyoming
St. Mary's County, Maryland	Media, Pennsylvania	

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May 18, 2005, Annapolis, Maryland: ACHP Chairman John Nau, NPS Director Fran Mainella, and Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer J. Rodney Little honor all seven *Preserve America* Communities from Maryland at the quarterly meeting of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The communities are Annapolis, Cumberland, Dorchester County, Oakland, Snow Hill, St. Mary's County, and Worcester County.

June 20, 2005: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 14 communities—for a total to date of 261 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

The fourteen new communities are:

Sitka, Alaska	Camden, Maine	Brookings, South Dakota
Norwalk, Connecticut	Hooksett, New Hampshire	McAllen, Texas
Leavenworth, Kansas	Pittsford, New York	Winnsboro, Texas
Flemingsburg, Kentucky	Troy, New York	Suffolk, Virginia
London, Kentucky	Ocracoke, North Carolina	

June 30, 2005, Washington, D.C.: Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton, U.S. House of Representatives Historic Preservation Caucus Co-Chair Brad Miller (D-NC), Assistant Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett, and ACHP Chairman John Nau recognize the *Preserve America* Communities designated by the White House in April, 2005 (see above) in an event on Capitol Hill.

August 16, 2005: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 22 communities—for a total to date of 283 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

The twenty-two new communities are:

Blytheville, Arkansas	Lawrenceburg, Kentucky	Lead, South Dakota
Helena, Arkansas	Easton, Maryland	Vermillion, South Dakota

Osceola, Arkansas
Springerville, Arizona
Williams, Arizona
Santa Ana, California
Georgetown, Colorado
Harlan, Kentucky

Gardiner, Maine
Cleveland, Mississippi
Keene, New Hampshire
Beacon, New York
Georgetown, Ohio
Charleston, South Carolina

Jonesborough, Tennessee
Galveston, Texas
Beverly, West Virginia
Bramwell, West Virginia

October 6, 2005: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 12 Vermont communities—for a total to date of 295 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

The twelve new communities are:

Barre, Vermont
Bennington, Vermont
Brandon, Vermont
Brattleboro, Vermont
Montpelier, Vermont
Morristown, Vermont

Poultney, Vermont
Rockingham, Vermont
St. Albans, Vermont
St. Johnsbury, Vermont
Vergennes, Vermont
Windsor, Vermont

November 9, 2005, Washington, D.C.: Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady Anita McBride, U.S. House of Representatives Historic Preservation Caucus Co-Chair Brad Miller (D-NC), Director of the National Park Service Fran Mainella, and ACHP Chairman John Nau recognize *Preserve America* Communities designated by the White House in the summer of 2005 in an event on Capitol Hill.

November 9, 2005: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 22 communities—for a total to date of 317 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

The twenty-two new communities are:

Lake City, Colorado
Bridgeport, Connecticut
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Mason City, Iowa
Lynch, Kentucky
Gloucester, Massachusetts
Stillwater, Minnesota
Columbus, Mississippi
Edenton, North Carolina
Rensselaer County, New York
Schenectady County, New York

Durant, Oklahoma
Newkirk, Oklahoma
Chesterfield, South Carolina
Dillon, South Carolina
El Paso, Texas
Wimberley, Texas
Herndon, Virginia
Spotsylvania County, Virginia
Middlebury, Vermont
Rutland, Vermont
Vancouver, Washington

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January 15, 2004, White House, Washington, DC: First Lady Laura Bush designates the first eight *Preserve America* communities for their commitment to protecting the historic heritage of their hometowns. The designated communities are:

Augusta, Georgia
Castroville, Texas
Delaware, Ohio

Dorchester County, Maryland
Key West, Florida
Putnam County, New York

Steamboat Springs, Colorado
Versailles, Kentucky

March 18, 2004, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC: Representatives Brad Miller and Michael Turner, Historic Preservation Caucus co-chairs, host the second *Preserve America* Community designation event with Assistant Secretary Lynn Scarlett, Department of the Interior (DOI), and Chairman John Nau, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). The designated communities are:

Biloxi, Hattiesburg, Pascagoula, and Port Gibson, Mississippi
Bristol, Cranston, and Warren, Rhode Island
Burlington, Vermont
Cheyenne, Wyoming
Douglas, Grand Rapids, and Saugatuck, Michigan
Fort Myers, Florida

Franklin, Tennessee
Fresno, California
Rock Island, Illinois
Smithfield and Williamsburg, Virginia
Virginia City, Montana
White Mountain Apache Tribe, Arizona

March 20, 2004, Augusta, Georgia: Augusta mayor and ACHP member Bob Young hosts the third *Preserve America* Community designation ceremony, with DOI Secretary Gale Norton presenting the designations. The designated Georgia communities are:

Kennesaw
Macon

Madison
Monticello

Rome
Whitfield County

April 20, 2004, Louisville, Kentucky: Mrs. Bush is joined by DOI Assistant Secretary Lynn Scarlett and ACHP Chairman John Nau in the fourth *Preserve America* Community designation ceremony. The designated Kentucky communities are:

Anchorage	Cynthiana	Harrodsburg	Midway	Shelbyville
Ashland	Danville	Henderson	Mount Sterling	Springfield
Bardstown	Elizabethtown	Horse Cave	Murray	Versailles
Bowling Green	Erlanger	LaGrange	Newport	Winchester
Cadiz	Fort Thomas	Lebanon	Paducah	
Carrollton	Glasgow	Madisonville	Richmond	
Covington	Greensburg	Maysville	Scottsville	

May 7, 2004, Fort Worth, Texas: The fifth *Preserve America* Community designation event is held by Texas First Lady Anita Perry, Assistant Secretary David A. Sampson, U.S. Department of Commerce, and ACHP Chairman John Nau, who is also the chairman of the Texas Historical Commission. The designated Texas communities are:

Atlanta
Castroville

Cuero
Denton

Electra
Granbury

Hearne
Kerrville

Marshall
Mesquite

Milam County
Nacogdoches

Odessa
Pharr

Victoria County
Waxahachie

June 25, 2004, Pawtucket and Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Sutton and Worcester, Massachusetts: The sixth *Preserve America* Community designation is held in the John L. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. DOI Assistant Secretary Lynn Scarlett participates in a day-long celebration and tour with four stops along the route. The designated Blackstone River Valley communities are:

Blackstone, MA	Millbury, MA	Worcester, MA	Lincoln, RI
Douglas, MA	Millville, MA	Burrillville, RI	North Smithfield, RI
Grafton, MA	Northbridge, MA	Central Falls, RI	Pawtucket, RI
Hopedale, MA	Sutton, MA	Cumberland, RI	Providence, RI
Leicester, MA	Upton, MA	East Providence, RI	Smithfield, RI
Mendon, MA	Uxbridge, MA	Gloicester, RI	Woonsocket, RI

July 19, 2004, Astoria, Oregon: Sandy Baruah, chief of staff for the Federal Economic Development Administration, headlines a *Preserve America* Community designation ceremony, reading aloud a letter from Mrs. Bush. Joining him are representatives from the Astoria City Council, Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Association, Columbia River Maritime Museum, and others.

July 23, 2004, Prescott, Arizona: City residents and government officials celebrate the designation of Prescott as a *Preserve America* Community with a ceremony at the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza. After touring other historic sites in the city, Mark Rey, Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, presents Mayor Simmons with the certificate.

July 24, 2004, Corinth, Mississippi: In conjunction with the dedication of the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center, ACHP Chairman John Nau presents Corinth with a *Preserve America* designation certificate signed by the First Lady. Among the officials speaking at the two special events are Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott; Mississippi Senate President Pro-Tempore Travis Little; Mississippi Archives Director Ken P'Poole; Civil War Preservation Trust President James Lighthizer; and National Park Service chief historian Dwight Pitcaithley.

August 18, 2004, Ritzville, Washington: Dr. David A. Sampson, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce, presents a certificate of designation as a *Preserve America* community to community officials. Ritzville is the first community in Washington State to receive such a designation.

August 19, 2004: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letters of congratulations to 62 communities – for a total to date of 169 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

September 10, 2004, Oberlin, Ohio: Citizens of Oberlin celebrated its designation as a *Preserve America* Community at an event with Mark Rey, Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

September 13, 2004: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 9 communities – for a total to date of 178 designated *Preserve America* Communities.

September 21, 2004, Dayton, Ohio: Dayton is recognized in a local event featuring Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, who was accompanied by Representative Michael Turner, co-chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Preservation Caucus and former mayor of Dayton.

September 27, 2004, Madison, Indiana: National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers President Edward F. Sanderson and ACHP Executive Director John Fowler present a certificate of designation to Madison's Mayor Albert G. Huntington. Representative Baron P. Hill attended the ceremony.

September 27, 2004, Dorchester County, Maryland: U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Undersecretary R. Mack Gray participates in a county site tour and celebration of Dorchester County's *Preserve America* Community designation with local officials and citizens. Dorchester County's *Preserve America* Community sign was presented at the event.

September 29, 2004, Natchitoches, Louisiana: As part of a visit to Shreveport, Louisiana, Mrs. Laura Bush recognizes Natchitoches as a *Preserve America* Community.

November 18, 2004, Charlottesville, Virginia: ACHP Chairman John Nau, NPS Director Fran Mainella, and Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer Kathleen Kirkpatrick honor five Virginia communities in the Rotunda of the University of Virginia. Alexandria, Hanover County, Lynchburg, Petersburg, and Warrenton are recognized.

November 24, 2004: Mrs. Laura Bush sends letter of congratulations to 16 communities – for a total to date of 194 designated *Preserve America* Communities. The communities are:

Birmingham, Alabama
 Monterey, California
 Coral Gables, Florida
 Crown Point, Indiana
 Cloverport, Kentucky
 Hopkinsville, Kentucky
 Nicholasville, Kentucky
 Perryville, Kentucky

Lowell, Massachusetts
 Great Neck Plaza, New York
 Newburgh, New York
 Shawnee, Oklahoma
 Carlisle, Pennsylvania
 Abilene, Texas
 Bastrop, Texas
 Paris, Texas

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